

Claims: Please amend the claims according to the status designations in the following list, which contains all claims that were ever in the application, with the text of all active claims. The listing in clean text is provided in Appendix A.

1-20 (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) A device carrier to be used with a work surface, the device carrier comprising:

- a. a generally vertical tracking means;
- b. said tracking means oriented with said work surface so that a first end of said tracking means is at a plane generally aligned with said work surface, and a second, distal end opposite said first end of said tracking means device is at a plane generally below said work surface;
- c. a food preparation device to be used with said carrier;
- d. an attachment means, so that said food preparation device is attachable and detachable to said carrier;
- e-e. and a pivot associated with said device carrier and said tracking means, whereby said device carrier may be moved from an out of use position below said work-surface into an in use position relative to said work-surface, by ~~the~~ said device carrier first moving in a generally vertical motion, and then pivoting about said pivot into its final in use position.

22. (Currently amended) The device of claim 21, ~~wherein~~ said in use position is generally parallel to said work surface.

23. (Currently amended) The device of claim 22, ~~wherein~~ said work surface is a cook top-hob.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) The device of claim 21, wherein said carrier is in electrical communication with said vertical tracking device through conduit contiguous to the two.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Currently amended) The device of claim 29 21, wherein said food preparation device further includes a resistive heating element.

31. (Original) The device of claim 21, wherein said tracking means is disposed within a sleeve structure.

32. (Currently amended) The device of claim 31, wherein said sleeve structure further includes at least one opening intended to be generally aligned with said work surface.

33. (Currently amended) The device of claim 32, wherein said opening and said sleeve structure cooperate to function as an air- duct.

34. (Currently amended) The device of claim 31, wherein said sleeve structure further includes an access cover member located at a position distal to that of said work surface.

35. (Currently amended) The invention of claim ~~29-21~~, ~~further including~~ whereby said attachment means so that said food preparation device is removable from said tracking means and so that also enables a plurality of said food preparation devices may ~~to be~~ interchangeably used with said carrier.

36. (Currently amended) A food preparation device to be used with a work surface, the device comprising:

- a. a generally vertical tracking means;
- b. said a tracking means oriented with said work surface so that a first end of said tracking means is at a plane generally aligned with said work surface, and a second, distal end opposite said first end of said tracking means device is at a plane generally below said work surface;
- c. a means of electrifying said food preparation device;
- ~~e.d.~~ a pivot means associated with said device, and said tracking means, whereby said food preparation device may be moved from an out of use position below said work-surface into an in use position relative to said work-surface, by the said food preparation device first moving in a generally vertical motion, and then pivoting about said pivot into its final in use position, ~~wherein said in use position is generally parallel to said work surface.~~

37. (Original) The invention of claim 36, further including attachment means so that said food preparation device is removable from said tracking means and so that also a plurality of said food preparation devices may be interchangeably used with said tracking device.

38. (Currently amended) A food preparation device carrier to be used with a work surface, the device comprising:
- a. a means of supporting said device carrier below said work-surface;
 - b. a generally vertical tracking means associated with said device carrier so that said device carrier can be moved from an out of use position below said work-surface into an in use position relative to said work-surface;
 - c. a sleeve structure having an open end generally planar with said work surface that defines a chamber capable of housing said vertical tracking means and said device carrier when not in use, wherein said chamber is further defined by at least three, generally solid, vertical walls and one, generally solid, horizontal wall distal to said open end of said sleeve structure; and where said sleeve structure further includes an access means located at a position generally distal to that of said work surface.
39. (Cancelled)
40. (Cancelled)
- 41.(New) The device of claim 36, where said in use position is generally parallel to said work surface.
42. (New) The device of claim 36, where said food preparation device further includes a resistive heating element.
43. (New) The device of claim 36, where said carrier is in electrical communication with said vertical tracking device through conduit contiguous to the two.

- 44. (New) The device of claim 36, where said tracking means is disposed within a sleeve structure.
- 45. (New) The device of claim 44, where said sleeve structure further includes at least one opening intended to be generally aligned with said work surface and said opening and said sleeve structure cooperate to function as an air-duct.
- 46. (New) The device of claim 38, further including a food preparation device associated with said carrier.
- 47. (New) The device of claim 38, where said food preparation device further includes a resistive heating element.